

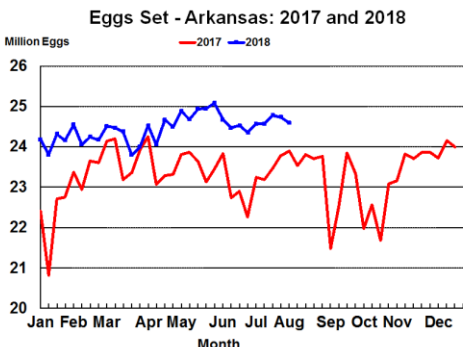
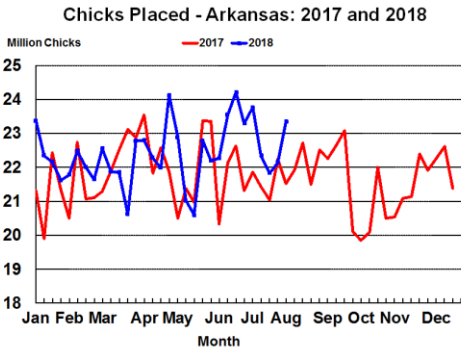


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Chick Placements Up 9 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.3 million during the week ending August 4, 2018. Placements were up 9 percent from the comparable week in 2017 and up 5 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 4, 2018, up 3 percent from the same period last year but down 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - 19 Major States by Week: July 7, 2018 - August 4, 2018

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	7-Jul	14-Jul	21-Jul	28-Jul	4-Aug	7-Jul	14-Jul	21-Jul	28-Jul	4-Aug
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	30,821	30,595	30,766	30,446	30,513	23,917	22,951	23,447	23,409	23,074
Arkansas	24,570	24,571	24,779	24,738	24,588	23,762	22,348	21,830	22,139	23,346
Delaware	4,757	4,679	4,889	4,915	4,890	4,695	4,968	5,592	5,071	5,488
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,389	1,333	1,257	1,354	1,255
Georgia	35,680	35,632	35,325	35,179	34,987	26,793	28,795	27,713	28,093	27,457
Kentucky	7,881	8,020	7,859	7,963	7,815	6,193	5,904	6,836	6,755	6,445
Louisiana	3,712	3,712	3,556	3,712	3,712	3,239	3,395	3,249	3,300	3,029
Maryland	8,194	8,190	8,193	8,222	8,228	5,999	6,265	5,536	5,714	5,423
Mississippi	18,802	18,284	18,166	18,077	18,384	14,409	15,331	15,242	15,648	15,355
Missouri	8,605	8,590	8,620	8,357	8,707	5,571	5,854	6,284	6,161	6,130
N. Carolina	22,204	21,518	22,206	22,097	22,529	18,340	17,832	18,393	18,236	18,454
Oklahoma	8,113	7,497	7,847	8,003	7,684	4,053	4,500	4,833	4,923	3,440
Pennsylvania	5,544	5,915	5,900	5,758	5,712	4,426	4,289	4,195	4,136	4,219
S. Carolina	5,738	5,679	5,419	5,730	5,630	5,400	5,094	4,199	4,665	4,704
Texas	16,853	16,091	16,031	16,275	16,500	13,460	13,894	13,819	13,589	13,382
Virginia	6,422	6,423	6,425	6,439	6,440	5,963	5,581	5,145	6,099	5,328
CA,TN & WV	12,425	12,301	12,604	12,466	12,241	10,928	10,717	10,611	10,170	10,410
Other States	9,413	9,312	9,564	9,327	9,577	7,781	7,773	7,201	7,267	7,373
U.S. Total	230,959	228,234	229,374	228,929	229,362	186,318	186,824	185,382	186,729	184,312
% of Prev. Year	102	101	101	101	101	102	102	102	102	100

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 229 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 4, 2018, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 4, 2018, up slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through August 4, 2018 for the United States were 5.70 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.